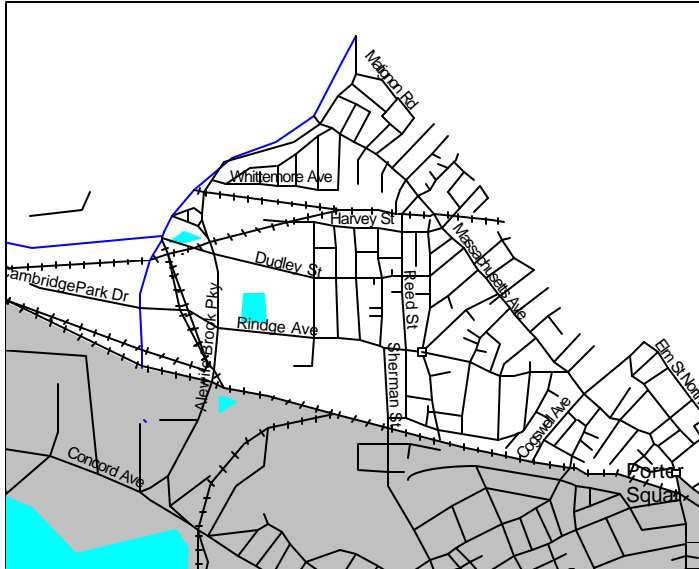
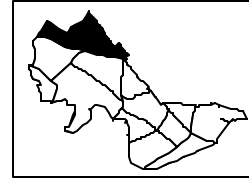


# NEIGHBORHOOD 11

## NORTH CAMBRIDGE



**BOUNDARIES:** bordered by the Belmont line, the Arlington Line, the Somerville Line, Porter Square, and the B&M Railroad

**POPULATION:** 10,642 residents  
4,699 households

**AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME:**  
\$31,516

Neighborhood #11 is encompassed in the patrol boundaries of Car 5 (2 officers) and Car 11R (1 officer). It also includes walking routes 11A, 11B, 11C, and 11D.

### 2001 THIRD QUARTER REVIEW

There were seventeen **housebreaks** in North Cambridge over the summer months pushing this target crime to a 7% increase when compared with the first three quarters of 2000. Six of the seventeen breaks were on Rindge Ave but were sporadic with no discernible modus operandi or targets. Housebreaks have been on the decline in Neighborhood #11 for six consecutive years. The only arrest for housebreaking was that of an estranged member of a family attempting to force his way into his former home.? Two of the four **street robberies** in North Cambridge in 2001 have been at entrances to MBTA stations. In May, a juvenile male approached a female from behind and snatched her purse. A robbery at Alewife in July had more dire consequences when a male victim was stabbed in the side while exiting the station. These two incidents are the only two robberies in this area since January. Robbery decreased 36% in North Cambridge last year.? The three drug arrests in North Cambridge over the summer were for the possession of marijuana, cocaine and a prescription drug. Five of the eleven **drug arrests** in 2001 have been in the vicinity of 364 Rindge Ave. • **Malicious destruction** (+26%) remains a significant problem for North Cambridge.

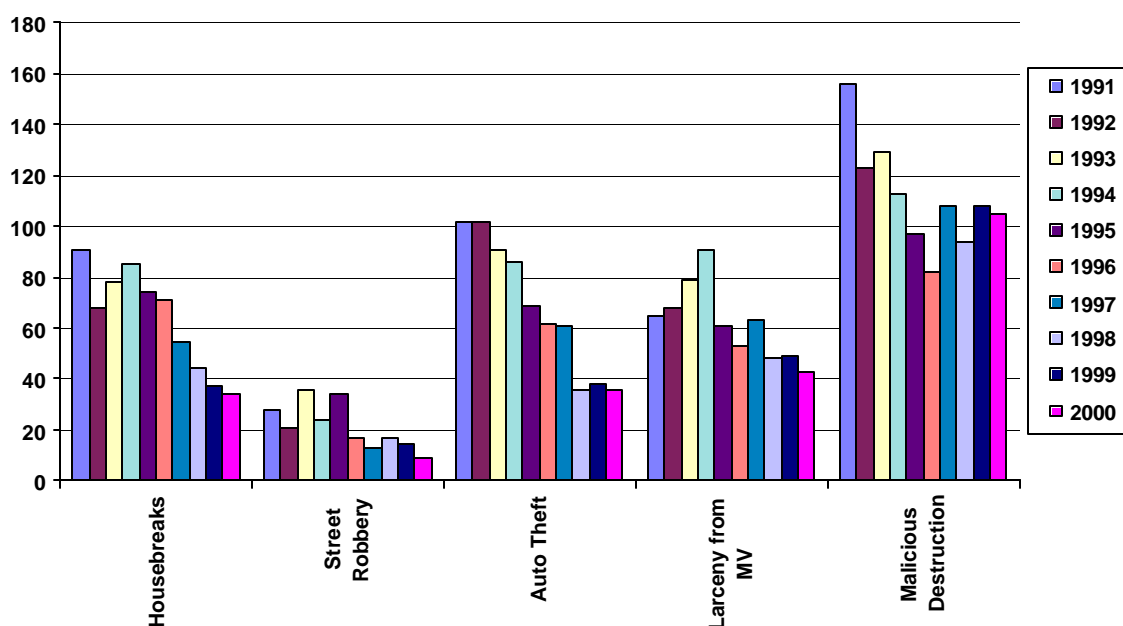
### COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS SECOND QUARTER 2000 & 2001

CRIME	3rd Q 2000	3rd Q 2001	% CHANGE
Housebreaks	27	29	+7%
Street Robbery	5	4	-20%
Auto Theft	26	36	+38%
Larceny from MVs	34	48	+41%
Malicious Destruction	76	96	+26%
Drug Arrests	7	11	+57%

## NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

North Cambridge has the third highest population in the city. Its residences include a public housing development (Jefferson Park/Jackson Place) and the towering Fresh Pond Apartments. Within its confines are three major public parks (Rindge Field, Russell Field, and Linear Park), the bustling Porter Square, and the Alewife MBTA Station. Dozens of commercial establishments line Massachusetts Avenue. As with Mid-Cambridge, its elevated crime rate reflects its high residential and commercial population.

- **Housebreak** patterns tend to occur during the summer months. Incidents are scattered quite liberally throughout the neighborhood's residential population. Each year, the Crime Analysis Unit identifies two or three North Cambridge residential burglary patterns. North Cambridge's housebreak totals have decreased since the 1980s, but did not really start rolling downward until 1996.
- **Street robberies** have traditionally been problematic in Russell Field, Linear Park, and around the Alewife MBTA Station. In the most common scenario, local (Cambridge or Somerville) youths will form packs and strong-arm victims walking in these areas late at night. The packs may brandish knives or the occasional handgun. This type of crime has diminished greatly, however, in the past three years.
- **Auto theft** strikes Rindge Avenue (and particularly the Fresh Pond Apartments) in heavy numbers all year round. The related crime of **larceny from motor vehicles** is reported less frequently.



ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR NORTH CAMBRIDGE AREA TARGET CRIMES					
Crime	1981-1990	Rank 81-90*	1991-2000	Rank 91-00*	Rank 2000*
Housebreaks	100	6	64	3	6
Street Robbery	30	5	22	3	7
Auto Theft	130	5	69	4	6
Larceny from MVs	105	6	62	6	7
Malicious Destruction	125	4	111	2	2